

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. National Phase of International	)	
Application No. PCT/IT2002/000824 of:	)	
Luca Balconi et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1792
	)	Examiner: N. T. Leong
Application No.: 10/538,741	)	
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§ 371 Date: June 14, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 5459
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For: Method for Producing a Coating	)	
Layer Made of Expandable and	)	
Cross-Linkable Material in a Cable	)	

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2008, Applicants respectfully request continued examination and reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks. This paper fulfills the requirements of a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are included in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachment:** [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plastics\\_extrusion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plastics_extrusion) (last visited February 20, 2009)